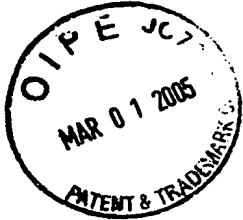


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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner noted that a certified copy of the German priority application had not been filed. A certified copy of such application is enclosed herewith. This is believed to obviate the Examiner's objection to the specification set forth in Paragraph 4 of the Office Action.